



SHERBORN

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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Sherborn is a residential community located about 18 miles southwest of Boston. Established in 1674, the town is proud of its rural heritage still evident in several active farms and orchards, and preserved in Town Forest and other extensive public lands. Open space comprises more than 50% of the town's area. Because all properties have individual wells and septic systems, minimum house lot size is one acre, and most sites are even larger.

Sherborn is an active, outdoors-oriented town where residents enjoy miles of trails through woods and meadows for walking and horseback riding, swim and boat in Farm Pond, and participate in any number of team sports. A high degree of volunteerism due to strong citizen support for town projects, and commitment to excellence in public education, characterize the community's values today, as they have for more than 300 years.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Framingham and Natick on the north, Millis on the south, Dover and Medfield on the east, and Ashland and Holliston on the west. Sherborn is 18 miles southwest of Boston; 22 miles east of Worcester; 32 miles south of Lowell; 38 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 195 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 16.18 sq. miles

Land Area: 15.96 sq. miles

Population: 3,989

Density: 250 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Medfield, Holliston, Framingham, Natick

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 651-7850

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1674

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	2,721		
Democrats	512	18.8	%
Republicans	821	30.2	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,388	51.0	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Sherborn town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	4,200	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	4,200	100.0
Male.....	2,028	48.3	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	47	1.1
Female.....	2,172	51.7	Mexican.....	19	0.5
Under 5 years.....	317	7.5	Puerto Rican.....	6	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	391	9.3	Cuban.....	1	-
10 to 14 years.....	408	9.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	21	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	278	6.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	4,153	98.9
20 to 24 years.....	80	1.9	White alone.....	4,014	95.6
25 to 34 years.....	200	4.8	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	762	18.1	Total population.....	4,200	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	834	19.9	In households.....	4,200	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	260	6.2	Householder.....	1,423	33.9
60 to 64 years.....	196	4.7	Spouse.....	1,103	26.3
65 to 74 years.....	274	6.5	Child.....	1,527	36.4
75 to 84 years.....	150	3.6	Own child under 18 years.....	1,309	31.2
85 years and over.....	50	1.2	Other relatives.....	87	2.1
Median age (years).....	41.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	27	0.6
18 years and over.....	2,861	68.1	Nonrelatives.....	60	1.4
Male.....	1,352	32.2	Unmarried partner.....	25	0.6
Female.....	1,509	35.9	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	2,780	66.2	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	577	13.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	474	11.3	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	229	5.5	Total households.....	1,423	100.0
Female.....	245	5.8	Family households (families).....	1,223	85.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	657	46.2
One race.....	4,183	99.6	Married-couple family.....	1,103	77.5
White.....	4,063	96.5	With own children under 18 years.....	596	41.9
Black or African American.....	16	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	89	6.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	2	-	With own children under 18 years.....	51	3.6
Asian.....	101	2.4	Nonfamily households.....	200	14.1
Asian Indian.....	10	0.2	Householder living alone.....	176	12.4
Chinese.....	56	1.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	85	6.0
Filipino.....	4	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	677	47.6
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	337	23.7
Korean.....	21	0.5	Average household size.....	2.95	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.22	(X)
Other Asian ¹	9	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	1,451	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,423	98.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	28	1.9
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	2	0.1
Some other race.....	11	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	17	0.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.7	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,423	100.0
White.....	4,069	96.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,320	92.8
Black or African American.....	19	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	103	7.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	6	0.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.02	(X)
Asian.....	112	2.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.04	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	13	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Sherborn is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 16 and 27.

Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station is available from the neighboring town of Natick. Travel time to BBS from West Natick: 38-41 min., 163 MBTA parking spaces; travel time from Natick: 33-36 min., no MBTA parking.

Bus

Sherborn is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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